

ever increasing number of recognized varieties. The answer to this question is the responsibility of the seedling judges and the manner in which they approach it and the method by which they decide it has a definite bearing on whether the Society progresses in its stated aim of improving the quality of hibiscus or encourages an over abundance of inferior bloom.

The General Rules for Judging and Staging Hibiscus Shows state:

- (1) ---- "Seedlings shall be judged for improvement as size, form and color over existing varieties."
- (6) "Ribbons awarded in the seedling class shall be an Award of Merit and Gold Seal awards. ---- Award of Merit shall be awarded to seedlings worthy of further consideration. Gold Seals to be awarded to outstanding seedlings. Minor defects not to eliminate Gold Seals."
- (9) "Any hibiscus that is malformed should not (Page 28 please)"

 * HIBISCUS "A" PLENTY *
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 * LOTS OF NEW NAMES *
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 * MANY GOOD OLDIES *
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 * GRAFTS OR OWN ROOT STOCK *
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 * OVER 500 STOCK PLANTS GROWING *
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 * ALSO MANY BOUGAINVILLEA AND *
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 * FANCY HYBRED CROTONS *
 * HOMESTEAD NURSERY *
 * JUST NORTH OF HOMESTEAD *
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 * ON ROUTE 27 *

APOLOGY IN ORDER

The following letter from Monrovia Nursery was received recently.

Dear Mr. Monroe;

We have received our two copies of the Seed Pod for July-August-September. Upon reading the book, we came upon the item 'Two Hula Girls' on page 31. We believe that the person who wrote the article should have checked into all the facts of the case before writing as they did.

1. This plant that we have named 'Hula Girl' was a seedling developed by Ross Gast and was named by him 'California Gold Improved'. We thought this would be confusing and renamed it.
2. At the time that we renamed it, we checked the Hibiscus nomenclature lists and could find no listing for 'Hula Girl'.
3. We do care, and have taken great pains not to name plants with a name already in use, that we are aware of.

We would like to know if the 'Hula Girl' listed in your latest nomenclature list is a registered plant, and if so, the date it was registered. We are somewhat surprised that the editor of the Seed Pod would print an article such as the one on page 31, as we felt that the statements in the article were unwarranted.

Sincerely,
 MONROVIA NURSERY COMPANY

It is possible that Monrovia could not find the name of 'Hula Girl' when they looked for it. 'Hula Girl' was not picked up in the nomenclature until the last supplement was published. The Nomenclature Co-ordinator should be contacted when naming a new hibiscus to see if there is another that has not been published at the time.

The 'Hula Girl' listed in the nomenclature supplement came from Hawaii. It is not registered. Perhaps the Nomenclature Co-ordinator can shed some light on the earliest date it showed up in the shows.

At any rate we are sorry if we caused Monrovia any difficulties from our story.